

As a lifelong resident of Connecticut, I oppose both bills. Putting further taxes and monetary requirements on the ownership of a firearm and thus making it cost-prohibitive for individuals to exercise their constitutional rights is deeply problematic and only impacts poor people. This will also impact the ability of many people to purchase ammunition for training purposes, which will inevitably lead to less safety, not more. I'm not opposed to *sensible* gun legislation, however I don't feel these new laws will actually make anyone safer.

I do however support H.B. No. 6817. Especially subsection 11:

*The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to publish information and statistics regarding crimes and fatalities involving firearms, including, but not limited to, crimes committed by individuals with prior convictions who were prohibited from possessing a firearm and crimes committed with illegally possessed or unregistered firearms.*

This will allow us to determine the true causes and trends of gun violence in our state. It will help shape *sensible* actions we can take to address these causes without infringing on the constitutional rights of our fellow citizens, specifically lower income individuals. Thank you for your time.